

CLAIMS

1. A rear panel (4) for a motor vehicle provided with a roof which can be folded in its rear boot and means able to make the said panel (4) pass from a position of use in which it is disposed generally substantially horizontally between an element of the vehicle chassis and the front edge of a lid of the said boot to a retracted position where it is disposed generally substantially vertically so as to leave clear a passage space for the said roof between the said chassis element and the said front edge, the said panel comprising:

- a central element (5) able to adopt the said positions;
- two lateral elements (6) each articulated at a transverse edge of the said central element (5) about a substantially longitudinal shaft (7);

characterised by the fact that it comprises:

- two cam followers (10, 15) each fixed to one of the said lateral elements (6) and able to cooperate each with a cam track (11, 17) fixed to the said chassis;
- elastic means (18) between the said central element (5) and the said lateral elements (6) able to apply the said cam followers (10, 15) to the said cam tracks (11, 17);
- the said cam followers, cam tracks and elastic means being arranged so as to dispose the said lateral elements (6) generally in the plane of the said central element (5) when the panel (4) is in a position of use and to incline the said lateral elements (6) with respect to the said central element (5) when the panel (4) is in the retracted position.

2. A motor vehicle, characterised by the fact that it comprises a rear panel (4) according to Claim 1.